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Dear Colleagues

Letter of support and congratulations

Public Services International (PSI), with over 20 million members working in public services around the world, sends our wishes of solidarity and trade union support to members of CUPE Local 737 Brandon School Division on receiving the news that the Manitoba government has cancelled the use of PPPs in the building of four new schools in Winnipeg and Brandon. We are very pleased to learn that this will in fact enable the building of five schools! This is wonderful demonstration of how trade unions can have a positive effect on government spending, with a very positive outcome for the public.

PSI also congratulates you for successfully presenting a cost-analysis to the Manitoba government to prove that PPPs are not the answer, despite the government's reticence to change the initial project.

Public Services International has, in recent years, highlighted many cases where PPPs have been shown to be more expensive and less efficient than public services. We hope that in future consultations with the government, CUPE will have the opportunity to voice concerns about other privatisation schemes and keep Canadian public services in public hands.

In solidarity,

Rosa Pavanelli
General Secretary

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